of M|s. NKT was found more suitable. HCL and ITI have signed a collaboration agreement with M|s. NKT in respect of this Project proposed to be set up at Naini, Allahabad.

Instructions to public undertaking for .. dealing with foreign suppliers

2282. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all public sector undertakings under his Ministry which are involved in production and R&D have been directed to deal directly with foreign suppliers without involving any Indian or foreign agents|middlement and if so what are the details of instructions in this behalf;

(b) whether as a follow-up action thereafter any alternative and effective steps have been suggested to take to take care of timely supply of material, installation, repair and maintenance of critical foreign equipment during the warranty period and also subsequently; and

(c) what has been the impact of Government instructions in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Petrochemical complex at Barauni

2283. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although the Barauni Refinery was set up decades ago, yet no worthwhile efforts were made to set up a petrochemical complex there;

(b) whether the availability of naptha and other industrial infrastructure fully justify the setting up of such a complex;

(c) whether some time back a plan of Rs. 8,000 crores was envisaged to set up a naptha-based complex but nothing was done thereafter; if so, what are the impediments coming in the way for the implementation of the above scheme; and

(d) by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) to (d) The report of the Working Group constituted to examine the possibility of setting up of a petrochemical complex at Barauni in Bihar has just been received.

NTPC Project at Chandrapur

2284. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the up-to-date progress of the N.T.P.C. project to be set up at Chandrapur, Maharashtra;

(b) what is the estimated cost for the setting up of this project; and

(c) what is the exact locaion of the project with details of installed capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The National Thermal Power Corporation are preparing a Feasibility Report, alongwith cost estimates, in respect of setting up a thermal plant of 1000 MW capacity, in the first-stage, at Warora in the Chandrapur district in Mahasrashtra.

Foreign aid for rural electrification

2285. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any aid from any foreign country for